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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion

comprising a silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent consisting of a silver ion-containing

phosphate salt series compound, a discoloration inhibitor, a thickener, a dispersant, and a

dispersion medium, wherein the silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent is 5 to 60 parts by

mass relative to 100 parts by mass of the silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion,

and the thickener is 0.1 to 10 parts by mass relative to 100 parts by mass of the silver-based

inorganic antibacterial agent.

2. (canceled).

3. (original): A silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion formed by

further adding a fine particulate compound having an average particle size of 1 to 100 nm to the

silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion according to Claim 1.

4. (canceled).

5. (previously presented) The silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion

according to Claim 1, wherein the discoloration inhibitor is an imidazole series compound and/or

a benzotriazole series compound.

6. (previously presented): The silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion

according to Claim 1, wherein the thickener is a polysaccharide and/or a cellulose-based

thickener.

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7. (previously presented): The silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion according to Claim 1, wherein the dispersant is an anionic surfactant and/or a nonionic surfactant.

- 8. (previously presented): The silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion according to Claim 1, wherein it further comprises a binder resin.
- 9. (previously presented): An antibacterial-processed product processed using the silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion according to Claim 1.
- 10. (new): The silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion according to Claim 1, wherein the silver ion-containing phosphate salt series compound is a silver-supporting zirconium phosphate.
- 11. (new): The silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion according to Claim 3, wherein the fine particulate compound is an inorganic oxide colloid particle and/or a composite oxide colloid particle.
- 12. (new): The silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion according to Claim 5, wherein the discoloration inhibitor is a combination of the imidazole series compound and the benzotriazole series compound.
- 13. (new): The silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion according to Claim 8, wherein the binder resin is an acrylic acid-based binder resin and/or a urethane-based binder resin.